

Page 9, lines 8-11, please amend the paragraph as follows:

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M1 is changeable according to a connecting structure of the junction of the cage guide rail 110 and the bracket 1. If the connecting structure is a pivot connection, that is, a vertical displacement of the cage guide rail 110 is restricted or restrained, but a pivot movement on the junction of the cage guide rail 110 and the bracket 1 is not restricted or not restrained, M<sub>1</sub> will be calculated as follows.

Page 9, lines 17-23, please amend the paragraph as follows:

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On the other side, since the anchor bolts 3A and 3B are disposed each other with an interval in the vertical direction, the anchor bolts 3A function as a fulcrum and the anchor bolts 3B can receive the bending moment M<sub>1</sub> by tensile force. Thus, in case that L is a distance of the interval of the anchor bolts 3A and 3B, n is the number of the anchor bolts per line, and F is a tensile force applied to the anchor bolts 3B, a bending moment M<sub>2</sub> [applied to] generated by tensile force of the anchor bolts 3B are represented by equation (3):

$$M_2 = LFn \quad \dots(3)$$

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 5-25 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 2, and 26 are amended as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) An elevator comprising:  
a movable unit configured to ascend and descend in an elevator shaft;  
a guide rail configured to guide said movable unit;  
a cable configured to hang said movable unit;  
a driving unit mounted on said guide rail and configured to move said movable unit

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up and down by driving said cable;

a plurality of rail support members connected to said guide rail; and

a plurality of plates attached to a respective rail support member of said plurality of rail support members,

wherein at least one plate of said plurality of plates is fixed to a wall of said elevator shaft by at least two vertically spaced lines of securing members separated from each other by an interval in a vertical direction, and

wherein each line of securing members of said at least one plate includes at least one securing member that satisfies an inequality defined as:

$$(Wh)/(2fn) \leq L \leq (Wh)/(fn),$$

where W is a load applied to one end of said rail support members at which said guide rail is connected, h is a distance between said wall and said guide rail, f is a maximum permissible tensile strength of an uppermost of said securing members, n is the number of securing members per line of said securing members, and L is a distance of said interval.

2. (Once Amended) The elevator as recited in claim 1, wherein:

said at least one plate is adjacent to said driving unit.

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26. (Once Amended) The elevator as recited in claim 1, wherein said securing members comprise a pair of lines of anchor bolts, each line including a pair of anchor bolts separated by an interval in the horizontal direction.

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